

## CONFERENCE ON VENEZUELA.

A Long One Held Between Minister Bowen and Mr. Herbert.

DIPLOMATS VERY ACTIVE.

British and Italian Ambassadors and German Charge d'Affaires Also Discuss the Situation.

Washington, Jan. 25.—A long conference between Minister Bowen and Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, beginning at noon, followed by further conferences between Sir Michael, Count Mayer des Planches, the Italian ambassador, and Count Quadt, the German charge d'affaires, indicated diplomatic activity in Washington today over the Venezuelan matter. All the negotiators declined to discuss the results of today's meeting, but general statements by them that the situation might warrant hope of early relief.

A significant fact has been accomplished in the last 24 hours. By this time the London, Berlin and Rome foreign offices are in possession of Mr. Bowen's third proposition, stating that the nature of the guaranty he prepared to offer for Venezuela if the blockade raised at once. Strict refusal is maintained by all the negotiators as to the nature of this guaranty and until the joint reply of the powers is received it will not be discussed.

Count Quadt has been advised by the German foreign office of the responsibility for the bombardment of the San Carlos fort. The explanation given was that the vessel was in the harbor of the fort, and that the German gunboats were ordered to fire upon it. The German foreign office also stated that the German government is greatly impressed with the attitude of the representatives in Washington of the allies throughout the present negotiations. While acting at all times under instructions from their foreign offices, they have expedited matters greatly by their straightforward manner of dealing with Venezuela's representative. This fact has especially appealed to the Washington officials, who, while not participating in the preliminary negotiations, are vitally interested in their results. Although Germany is sending a special envoy to conduct the negotiations for the blockade, Minister Bowen has taken occasion to express his absolute satisfaction with the manner in which Count Quadt has represented his government. The German charge d'affaires has been active in the negotiations from Berlin, but the point was made today by Mr. Bowen and by officials of the Washington government that the activity of Germany's representative from the day of Bowen's arrival and the judgment that he has shown have done much to aid in bringing about the ultimate solution of the trouble.

Tomorrow there will be conferences between all the negotiators, but no definite action is expected regarding the blockade before Tuesday or Wednesday. The inference drawn from his remarks was that while the statement as a whole was incorrect, yet there was an element of probability to some features of it.

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## Thai Gold Spoon.

There are some men who seem to be favored of fortune. They are industrious, cheerful workers, full of overflows of the energy of splendid health, and success seems fairly to drop into their hands. It is of such as these that the less hardy and less successful man says enviously, "That fellow was born with a gold spoon in his mouth." And yet on analysis it will be found that this success is largely due to splendid health, the endowment of a healthy mother.

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zuela, to secure the consent of at least one of the allies to lift the blockade. The iron-clad nature of the alliance already has been communicated to the state department by Charge White, and it is this fact which was responsible for the grave apprehension heretofore felt regarding the outcome of the discussion. The reply of the powers, therefore, necessarily will be joint.

A favorable answer to Minister Bowen's last proposition, and it is the belief of all the negotiators, that the answer will be favorable, will mean the immediate withdrawal of all the blockading ships, while a declaration to accept the guaranty offered by Mr. Bowen must result in the continuance of the blockade by all three allies—Great Britain, Germany and Italy.

Minister Bowen feels very optimistic tonight of the future of the Venezuelan matter. He adheres to the belief expressed by him in the statement he gave out at midnight last night, that the case would be settled soon and satisfactorily. His latest proposition, the important feature of which is the matter of guaranty as a preliminary to the raising of the blockade, will be in the hands of all the allies by tomorrow afternoon, and Mr. Bowen thinks an answer might be received in Washington within a very few days, or possibly Tuesday.

Mr. Bowen declined tonight to discuss the announcement made by a Brussels newspaper to the effect that a commission appointed by the United States will be charged with the administration of the maritime customs in Venezuela. The inference drawn from his remarks was that while the statement as a whole was incorrect, yet there was an element of probability to some features of it.

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## H. M. TELLER IS ELECTED.

He Will Succeed Himself in the U. S. Senate.

SENATOR WOLCOTT'S VIEW.

He Declares That the Assembly That Elected Teller Was Legally Constituted.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 24.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Democratic members of the senate and house of representatives of the fourteenth general assembly of Colorado cast their ballots, 51 in number, for Henry M. Teller to succeed himself as United States senator, and he was declared elected by President W. H. Adams, who presided. The result was reached after a week of untiring effort on the part of the Democratic leaders, during which many rumors of treachery had been circulated and many delays had occurred by reason of the absence from roll call of different members of the assembly. Since Monday morning the Democratic branch of the senate has been in practically continuous session and since Wednesday at noon the joint session of the Democratic members of both houses has been continuous.

From yesterday morning all the Democrats were ready to cast their ballots for Mr. Teller except Representative M. J. Madden of Denver. The absence of Mr. Madden was unaccounted for until this afternoon, when it was learned that he was at home ill with grip and had been forbidden to leave his house by his physician. In spite of his condition, however, he decided to attend this evening, and at the hour named was in his seat and cast his vote for Mr. Teller. There were no Republican members of either house present, and the legality of the election is not admitted by the Republican leaders.

The session today has been uneventful and when at 4:45 p. m., Representative Madden came into the senate chamber he was greeted with a burst of applause. This was renewed when on the roll call for a ballot he cast his vote for Mr. Teller and when the call was finished and the result announced the cheering was prolonged.

Senator Teller was escorted to the platform and expressed his thanks for the patient zeal of the friends which had won for him a victory. He was elected six years ago by a practically unanimous vote of the legislature, and he disclaimed the belief that any act of his since then had turned their sentiment of the people of Colorado against him. He said he expected to have to defend his seat against a contest by the Republicans. He denied that he had been threatened with treachery.

United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson followed in a speech in which he declared that the Democracy of the state is now more closely united than ever before. He declared that he did not think it likely that a contest would be made against Senator Teller. These speeches were followed by congratulatory remarks from former Governors Adams and Thomas, C. J. Hughes, Jr., and T. J. O'Donnell, all of whom have been talked of as candidates for the senate, and Democratic State Chairman Milton Smith.

The joint session then adjourned.

WOLCOTT'S VIEWS.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 25.—The climax in the senatorial fight in Colorado came tonight when ex-Senator E. O. Wolcott, the candidate of the so-called "stalewart" wing of the Republican party, announced his practical withdrawal from any further contest and urged the people of Colorado to accept the situation as it stands by the election yesterday of Senator Henry M. Teller to succeed himself.

WHAT TELLER SAYS.

Denver, Jan. 25.—Henry M. Teller, who was elected for his sixth term in the United States senate last evening at a joint legislative session, in which only Democrats participated, left the city last night for his country place at Grand Junction, Gov. Peabody soon went to Canon City to spend the Sabbath at home, was a passenger on the same train. The two distinguished citizens met on the train and Gov. Peabody extended congratulations to the senator.

"My election, I feel sure, was perfectly legal and regular," said Senator Teller in conversation with friends, "for I succeeded in getting the majority vote of both houses. I am entitled to a certificate from the governor and shall expect it, but if I fail to secure gubernatorial credentials, I shall be able to take my case before the senate nevertheless."

When asked if he would sign a certificate of election for Senator Teller, Gov. Peabody replied, "I will cross that bridge when I come to it." It is understood, however, that the governor will be in no haste to act in the matter, but will allow the fullest time for the determination of all issues before he signs a certificate for any person. The Colorado senator's term does not begin until March 4, and he is not likely to need any certificates until Congress assembles next November, unless an extra session should be called.

D. B. Farley, chairman of the Republican state committee, whose resignation has been demanded by a majority vote of the committee on account of his opposition to the candidacy of E. O. Wolcott for the senate, has given out a statement declaring that the Republican party will not recognize Teller's election. "In my opinion," he said, "the election was illegal and no attention will be paid to it by the state central committee or either faction of the Republican party here or senate. The election is invalid for the reason that the proper officers did not preside over the joint session."

She Poisoned Her Parents. Corning, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Nellie Knizley, the 13-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Knizley, of this city, who was recently sent to the Susquehanna Valley home at Binghamton, has written home a confession that she had been systematically administering poison to her foster-parents, with the hope of killing them so that she could obtain their property. Mr. and Mrs. Knizley have been made very ill lately after their meals, and Mrs. Knizley is now invalid as the result of it. It is alleged that the poison taken into her system. At one time Mr. and Mrs. Knizley ate canned meat and were poisoned. Physicians attributed the illness to the canning. About the same time a neighbor informed the Knizleys that Nellie had told their daughter that when her foster-parents were dead she would have their property, and that she had given them a dose which should kill them. Mr. and Mrs. Knizley then recalled that the girl asked

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ced himself by the joint session of the Democratic senators, and as representatives. The announcement was made in a signed statement in which Mr. Wolcott charges certain Republican leaders associated with the anti-Wolcott forces in the Republican ranks with treachery, deliberate and continuous, although he disposes of others of the anti-Wolcott crowd by characterizing them as "dopes" of the mass conspirators. He refers to the refusal of the anti-Wolcott members of the house to unseat the Democratic members from Arapahoe county, and calls it a crime against the Republican party and against justice. Mr. Wolcott declared that Lieut. Gov. Haggott, when he withdrew from the senate chamber and with less than a dozen senators whose seats were undisputed organized another senate, was assured of support by his associate in the state government, which support "fell away from him" however.

Continuing, Mr. Wolcott says: "There were three joint sessions of the general assembly. At the last one the Democrats voted for Teller. No other joint session had been held and no Republicans had voted in a joint session. The election of Mr. Teller was included with fraud: first in the trickery of adjournment by the Democrats of the house; second, in the arbitrary and fraudulent expulsion of two legally elected senators. There is, however, no other legally constituted senate, as might have been but for this conspiracy (referring to the alleged combination between Democrats and anti-Wolcott Republicans), and it is now up to the Republicans to unseat the two senators who were wrong and by unseating the fraudulently elected members from Arapahoe county insure the valid election of a Republican senator."

"Wicked and unforgivable as is the wrong done the Republican party, yet from the point of view of the highest citizenship there is but one thing to be done, and that is to urge the people to accept the deplorable situation and the governor of the state to issue a certificate of election to Mr. Teller."

Mr. Wolcott says that important matters requiring legislative action will be coming up and will demand all the time and attention of the legislature, therefore the senatorial contest should not be further continued.

Speaking of Mr. Teller, the ex-senator says that in no sense was he a party to the frauds above referred to, although he was the beneficiary. He says the following tribute to the senator-elect:

"He has served Colorado nearly a generation at Washington, and whatever may be our regret that he no longer sits in the senate chamber, the party which has so highly honored him, every citizen of the state wishes him health and strength and believes that he is similar to the rest of his generation to the material interests of the state."

Mr. Wolcott concludes his statement by saying that for himself he has not the slightest personal interest in the point, nor does he cherish rancor toward anybody. He declares that he will always be found in the ranks of the Republican party of Colorado.

Congo Free State Scheme.

New York, Jan. 25.—The King of the Belgians is to visit a private party in London in furtherance of a new scheme for the better government of the Congo Free State, a London dispatch to the Tribune says. It is reported to be his intention to introduce a strong British element into the administration of that colony. King Leopold, it is believed, has taken this step as a means of weakening the growing demands for an international inquiry into the true state of affairs in the Congo Free State, but it is not surprising to learn that the wish to strengthen his administration by a few competent Englishmen has created much indignation in Brussels.

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Anglo-German Alliance Unpopular New York, Jan. 25.—The Anglo-German alliance becomes more unpopular every day, according to a dispatch from London to the Tribune. Rightly or wrongly, the feeling is growing that the Berlin government is doing its best to involve England in a quarrel with America. It is difficult to say what will be the outcome of the San Carlos incident.

Henry Norman, who is one of the ablest critics of foreign affairs in the house of commons, points out that although the Monroe doctrine has been formally recognized by Great Britain, it has been recognized by Germany, and as nobody who follows German opinion closely doubts for a moment that a misunderstanding between this country and America would be very far from being a matter for sorrow in Germany, it was a master stroke of diplomacy for the Kaiser to inveigle the British government into this alliance for joint action within the sphere of the Monroe doctrine.

Died in Church.

Elizabeth N. J., Jan. 25.—While the services were in progress in Christ Episcopal church yesterday, the congregation was startled by hearing a loud moan and seeing John Rowland Morewood, one of the oldest communicants, fall back in his pew. He died in the vestibule of the church a few minutes later. Heart disease was the cause. Mr. Morewood was in his eighty-third year, and came to Elizabeth over a century ago, from Pittsfield, Mass.

Nurse Training System Inquiry.

New York, Jan. 25.—Official investigation is to be made of charges against the nurse training system in Bellevue hospital, made by Senator James A. McKim, a nurse, who recently resigned, and who, in an affidavit, said that many nurses were in the habit of giving patients in order to prolong their lives until after the close of period of duty of the nurses in attendance. The alleged object of this procedure was to shirk the duty of "laying out" the bodies. Other grave irregularities are also charged.

The nurses make general denial of McKim's charges, but their word is too hard. One nurse, they assert, some times has from 15 to 25 patients to take care of during the night, and these patients have to be watched closely.

Fort San Carlos Blown Up.

New York, Jan. 25.—Persons in close touch with the blockading forces say, according to the Herald's Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, correspondent that Fort San Carlos, which commands the entrance to Lake Maracaibo, has been captured by the Germans and been blown up. They also report that the German submarine Panther has been disabled and is being towed by the German cruiser Falke to Willemstad, Curacao.

University of New York.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The 16th annual report of the regents of the university of the state of New York shows that during 1902, institutions of higher education including professional, technical and other special schools received \$2,364,850, and a total net property of \$28,531,575.

Castro's Troops Defeated.

New York, Jan. 25.—President Castro's troops have been defeated by the Venezuelan revolutionists in an important battle about 40 miles west of Puerto Cabello, says a dispatch to the Herald, from Willemstad, Island of Curacao. Scattered bodies of the defeated government soldiers are arriving in Puerto Cabello. Their commanding general was captured by the revolutionists.

To Study Union Iron Works.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—A. C. Gary, treasurer of the United States Shipbuilding company, has arrived here from the east. He says he has come to join President Lewis Nixon and some of the other officials of the big shipbuilding combine for the purpose of making a thorough inspection of the Union Iron Works and studying its shipbuilding facilities. Incidentally they will attend the annual meeting of the Union Iron Works, which is to be held this week.

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Delaney arrived and was received by Mr. Chamberlain. After the presentation of an address of welcome Mr. Chamberlain made a speech to the commando, in which he congratulated the Boers on being the comrades of so great and gallant a man as Gen. Delaney. The colonial secretary continued: "I hope he is my friend, and I hope you are all my friends. We fought a good battle and there is nothing to be ashamed of on either side."

Alaskan Boundary Treaty Signed

New York, Jan. 25.—Hardly any attention has been paid to the announcement that the Alaskan boundary treaty has been signed, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The Daily Telegraph, however, says there will be universal satisfaction on both sides of the Atlantic at the prospect of eliminating the last ground for disagreement between England and America. The announcement comes at a most opportune moment, for it ought to convince the most stubborn, that as far as these two countries are concerned, if a certain number of what the German chancellor calls "Achivi" have lost their balance, the "Reges," at least, have kept their heads.

To Form Trunk Combine.

New York, Jan. 25.—It is announced that a meeting of trunk manufacturers will be held in this city tomorrow with a view of forming a combine. The meeting is the result of a proposition recently made to western men to form one general association instead of two. The manufacturers of trunk supplies have agreed to be allowed to come into the combine, the capitalization of which will be \$20,000,000.

Beecher Memorial Plans.

New York, Jan. 25.—Among the suggestions being considered in connection with the Beecher memorial is one to place in Plymouth church, Brooklyn, a series of 18 stained glass windows to typify the struggle for religious and political liberty, and commemorate great leaders in the movement. Some of the scenes suggested would be Savonarola preaching religious liberty, Martin Luther posting his defiance of Rome on the doors of his church, incidents in the life of Cromwell, and in the French revolution, Patrick Henry exclaiming, "Give me liberty or give me death," students studying in Hayne, and Lincoln at Gettysburg. Stained glass experts express the opinion that the broad stained windows would be admirably adapted to pictorial treatment.

To Cross Sea in Small Boat.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 25.—"Eric the Red" will be the name of a boat built here for a clergyman, who plans to sail from here across the Atlantic to his old home in Norway. The owner is somewhat advanced in years, but was a sailor when young. His name is withheld for the present by Capt. C. W. Foster, who is building the boat. The clergyman left Norway about 40 years ago as a sailor and followed the sea a number of years, but finally studied theology. He designed the craft himself. She will be yawl rigged, 50 feet long, 11 feet beam and five and a half draught, and will have ample cabin accommodations for three or four people. She will be equipped with a 50-horsepower gasoline engine.

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CONGRESSMAN MONTAGUE LESSLER, WHO SAYS THAT AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO BRIBE HIM.

The house committee on naval affairs is investigating the charge that Representative Montague Lessler of New York, one of the members of the naval committee, had been approached with a bribe of \$5,000 for his support of a proposition looking to an appropriation for additional submarine torpedo boats. Lessler is the young State Island congressman who defeated Perry Belmont. He is only thirty-four years of age.